

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Stephen McBride for being elected as the 2014–2015 Southern Region Vice President for the National FFA Organization.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those intrepid citizens who have contributed the highest levels of dedication to the organizations to which they belong, committing themselves to the tenets of volunteerism that have defined the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Stephen McBride, who, in fitting recognition of his dedication to the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization, was named the 2014–2015 Southern Region Vice President of the National FFA Organization at the eighty-seventh National FFA Convention & Expo; and

WHEREAS, each year at the National FFA Convention & Expo, six students are elected by delegates to represent the organization as a national officer; national officers commit to a year of service with the National FFA Organization, traveling more than 100,000 miles in the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the national officers visit thousands of FFA members and teachers, government and education officials, and various business and industry leaders, conducting personal growth and leadership training seminars for FFA members throughout the country and helping set policies that will guide the future of FFA by promoting agricultural literacy; and

WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization is a youth organization of 610,240 student members as part of 7,665 local FFA chapters in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, Stephen McBride embodies each of these characteristics and is a shining example of the level of excellence FFA members achieve; and

WHEREAS, the son of Mark and Carol McBride, Stephen McBride was a member of the Coffee County FFA Chapter, where his supervised agricultural program was in beef entrepreneurship and agriculture education; upon graduation from Coffee County High School, he was elected president of the Tennessee FFA Association; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, Mr. McBride, along with his parents and brother, has been a partner in McBride Angus Farms, a registered angus cattle herd made up of forty cow/calf pairs, where they raise and market replacement breeding stock; and

WHEREAS, Stephen McBride is a 2008 graduate of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Master Beef Producer Program and a 2010 scholar of the Tennessee Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Stephen McBride epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride's desire to impact the lives of younger students in the FFA organization is best summarized in this statement he made to the organization: "We only have one year to serve, but it only takes one minute to change a life. It is inspiring to know that I can continue to use my own experiences in FFA to motivate younger members as they chart their own unique paths into the vast opportunities found in FFA and agriculture"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Stephen McBride for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we applaud Stephen McBride on being

named the 2014–2015 Southern Region Vice President for the National FFA Organization and offer our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.